



South Carolina Coalition for Public Health

... to promote the improvement in health status of South Carolina's black and minority communities

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Dear Dr. Wheeler:

The South Carolina Coalition for Public Health is very pleased to support the Center and the Project Assist application. I applaud the Center and the American Cancer Society for taking the lead in coordinating such broad interagency and community collaboration to combat the negative effects of tobacco usage. I am convinced that your combined credibility, experience, and tremendous resources will help you all in achieving your goals. The South Carolina Department of Health and Environmental Control's leadership in establishing the Office of Minority Health and the American Cancer Society's leadership in establishing the Task Force on Cancer and the Poor clearly attests to your sincere interest in addressing minority health issues with vision and courage.

Excessive tobacco use negatively affects the black community and it's changes of survival. The Coalition's sole purpose is to promote minority health improvement. Coalition members provide access to individuals and organizations who are diligently working to help the black community address many nagging health problems such as cigarette smoking and the associated cancer that it causes. The Coalition can be very helpful in devising meaningful strategies that address specific health needs in the black community. I wish you much success with the Project Assist application. Please do not hesitate to call if I can be of further assistance.

Sincerely,

Charles G. Johnson, M.S.P.H.
President

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